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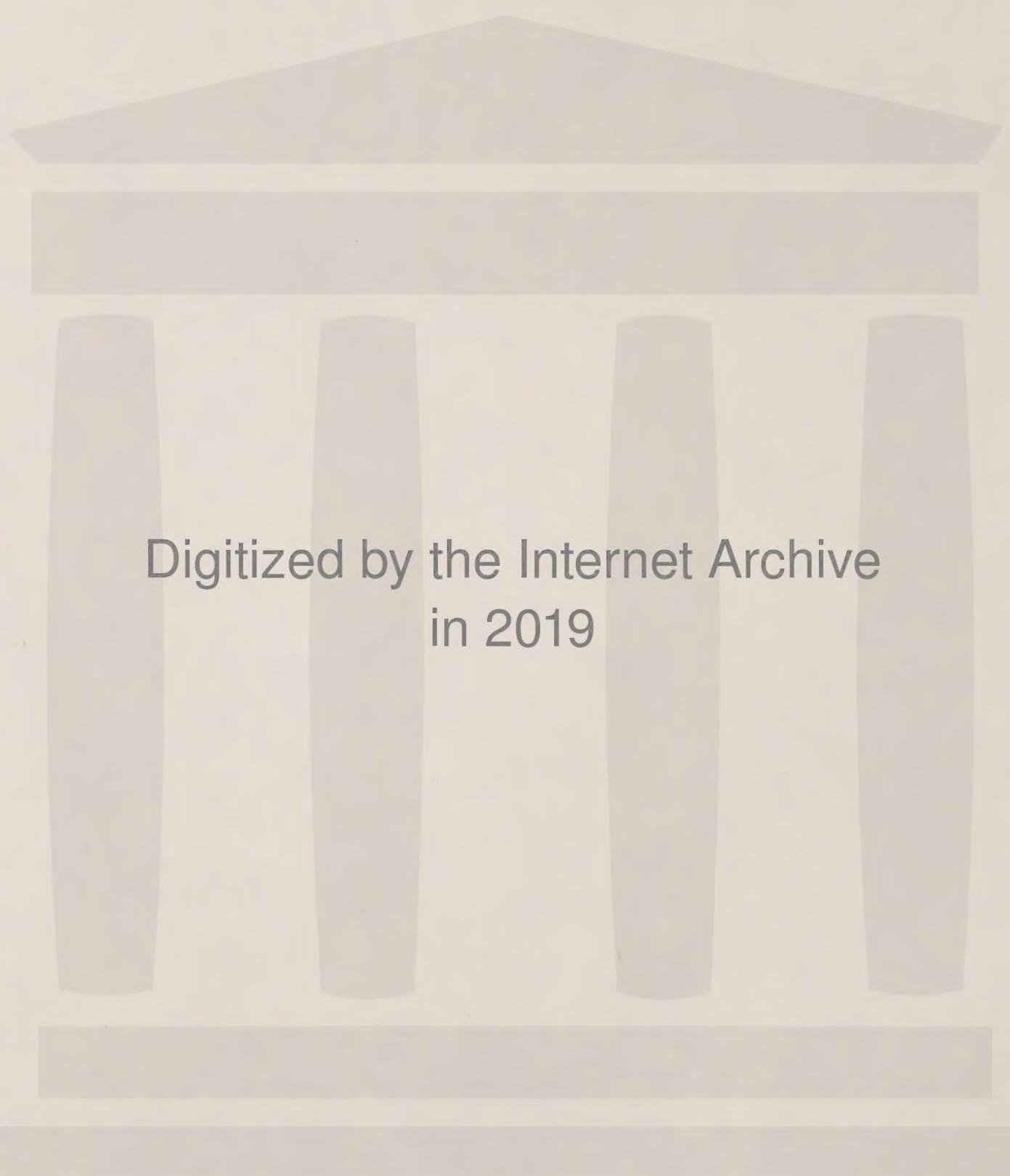


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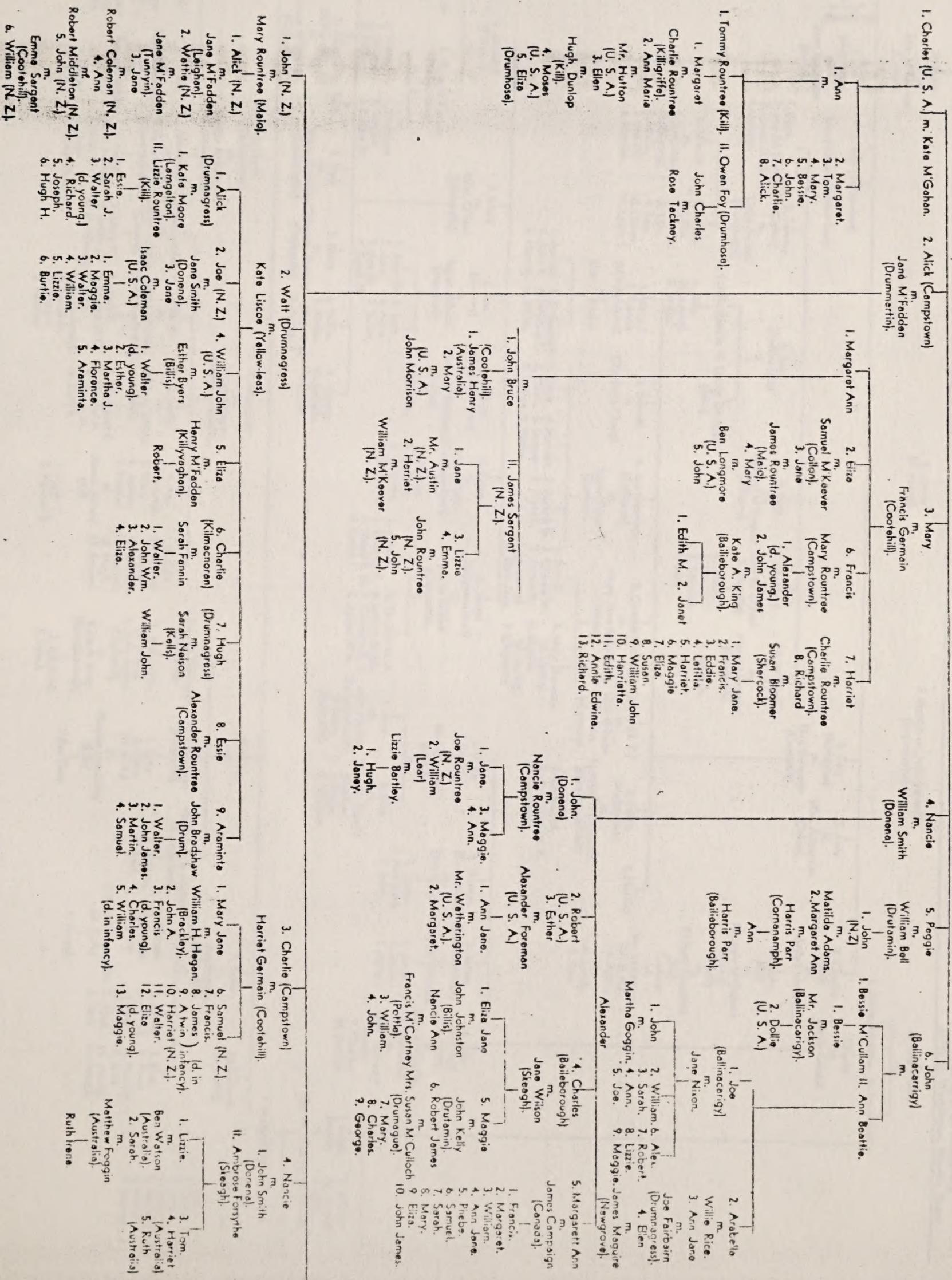
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HISTORY OF THE ROUNTREE NAME

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GENEALOGICAL TREE

CHARLES ROUNTREE, born about 1710 A. D. In 1730 A. D. he left Armagh, and went to Killigiffy, Ballinborough, where he married Mollie Coleman.

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Sold by J. G. ROUNTREE

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(Drummarlin).

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6. Sam
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(Rothron).

Maggie McCulloch
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[Steel]

9. William
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(N. Z.)

2. Sally
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10. Samuel
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Eliza German
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7. Essie
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Beoville, Texas.
November 5, 1955.

My dear Fellow Rountree, Rountrees, or Roundtree:

I am sorry to have to report that I did not receive sufficient advance orders, to allow me to spend an additional several hundred dollars, in addition to the many hundred dollars, I have already spent, and the several years time I have used in the collecting of the various letters, and material all over the United States, and some in Ireland and England.

I have gotten all such material together, and am sending it to the Texas History Center of the University of Texas Library, for the use of posterity, and it will available to the public.

I am also sending ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ a copy of my proposed Rountree name Booklet by ed in manuscript form, for your use also. I do not expect to get it published. I send out 500 offers to have it printed and sent subject to approval to other Rountrees, and received only 28 replies, I am sorry.

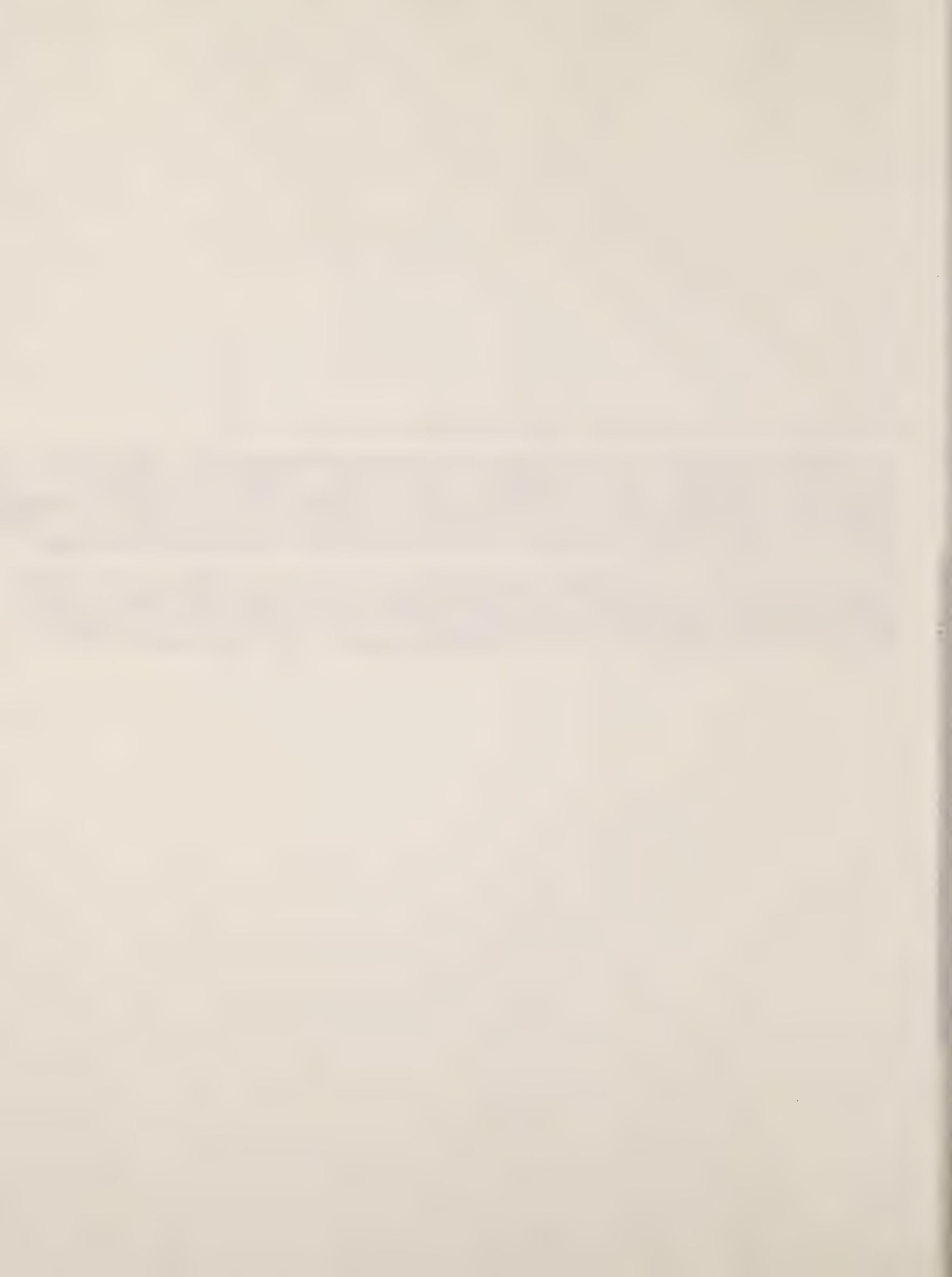
Yours truly,

J. G. Rountree, 317½ N. Washington St.



The three sheets of the family tree of Charles Rountree, born 1710 is to be pasted together. They represent a family tree gotten up by Walter Rountree of Ireland, who as a Presbyterian minister, went from one to another family of Rountrees, there copied from their bibles the data given. He lived to be 85 years old, and spend his life time accumulating the information.

Mr. Walter Rountree, his nephew emigrated to New York in 1896, and has lived there since, and he supplied me with a copy of the tree, from which I had printed copies made, and I am sending you one as a gift from me, in appreciation of your interest in the Rountree name history, J.G.Rountree II.



This is a gift from J.G.Rountree II

Number 12, 1955. This gift, written by J.G.R. ROUNTREE II.

I am Joseph Gurnettree the second, being named after my father Joseph Gurnettree the first. I am now past 75 years old, my birth-day was December 1, 1879, and this is the year 1955. The name Joseph has been carried for generation after generation by the Rountrees, and other similar names, derived from the name, Rountree, the first being called Rowan Tree, a tree growing in or near Yorkshire, England, where the name is supposed to have originated.

The Rowan Tree is supposed to be a sacred tree, or was for the Vikings or Danish people that settled in the vicinity of Yorkshire, in a early day. Its branches are suppose to spread out over said people and to have served as a protection for them from all evil.

It is said that a abandoned child was found under one of these trees, dressed in rich clothing, and the owner of the estate, where the child was found to be compassion on the child and adopted it and raised him as his own son, and named him Rountree for the tree under where he was found, thus starting the name of Rountree and similar names.

The first official record I have been able to ascertain is from a letter dated December 25, 1952, from Charles Brightwen Rountree, Essex, England, which says "The tradition about the child under a Rowan Tree is fresh to me, but there were Rountrees in existence before 1550, as early as 1521, there was a John Rountree old enough to have a son-in-law so that he must have been born sometime before 1500. I wonder if the tradition dates back much further and arises from the fact that the Rowan Tree was held sacred by the Saxon or Vikings. There is quite a mythology concerning the Rowan Tree, and their conception of the world was a huge Rowan Tree, within whose embrace, lay not only one child, but all living things, people and animals." (End of quotation)

The next record that I have of the name was that of William and Ralph Rountree living in Yorkshire before the 17th century. Then next a John Rountree who married Jane Hardy, and they had a daughter Elizabeth to be baptized at St. James Clerkenwell, London about 1659.

Quoting from the above letter referred to of Mr. C. B. Rountree, he says, "The earliest recorded will, is that of Laurence Rountree of Newby, dated 1557, but in the public record office, London there is an account of a lawsuit brought by daughter and son-in-law against John Rountree in 1571, which shows the later to have been possessed of land and houses in Stokby, Yorkshire, England. Between 1600 and 1700 there are eight more pleadings (lawsuits) all of which connect the Rountrees with north Yorkshire, and show them often to have been Yeomen (Farmers).

No records make it clear that many of them were men of strong and independent views, so that it is not surprising to find members of the family in trouble with the authorities, both religious and secular. Thus as early as 1605 Mill and Margaret Rountree of Seamer, are recorded as Recusants. Also in 1614 James Rountree (Yeoman) is similarly described, while in 1615 there appears this entry in the Stokby Parish Register, "August 29, James Rountree of Tanton, was buried the same day, at night in Seamer Church Yard, a Recusant."

From Census Court, and other records, it appears that the Rountrees were inclined to take the Parliamentary side in the civil war, with an occasional exception. From one source we learn of the Quarter master, Ralph Rountree, taken prisoner in 1640. Perhaps the same Ralph Rountree, (Yeoman) of Stokby, who was tried in 1663, in connection with the Presbyterian rising, on which occasion he was not free, on conditional, of finding securities and taking the oath of allegiance. A warrant of sequestered the estates of William Rountree of Kirkforth, being now in arms against the King and Parliament. Was this the same William who was indicted in 1644 for not coming to church, after which he joined the Quakers soon after.

A more amazing instance of the Rountree's coming into conflict with the authorities, was the indictment in 1615 of Ralph Rountree of Stokesby, (Yeoman) for breaking into the park of one Marmaduke True, there duelling and hunting deer, with a greyhound.

Not all the Rountrees were (Yeomen or farmers). Henry Rountree born 1545, who married at Ingleby Greenhow, was vicar of Kirby-in-Cleveland, and may possibly have held the living of Ingleby, along with the Vicarage of Kirby.



being to the near neighbourhood of Whisby, some Towntrees became Mariners, including John Towntree, son of the above named Quaker William Towntree. John Towntree was an alderman, and at one time Mayor of the town, and apparently in business in Leeds. Reference is made to him in Sir Walker Colverley's diary, as witness the following entry, "July 19, 1700. At Leeds session, we dined that day at Mr. Towntree the Mayor in Poor Lane".

The 220 Towntrees entered in the Stokesley Parish Register, between 1513 and 1740, give the occupation of only ten individuals, and that during a short period in 1718 to 1738, such being Mathew Towntree, a tailor, James, a sailor, John and Christopher, shoemakers, William, a fuller, and the other five were Yeoman (Farmers). A fuller means a person that makes cloth.

The first Quaker Towntree, we have a record of is Francis Towntree, of Stokesby, who became a member of the Society between 1650 and 1660, as recorded in the First Publishing of Truth. John Whithead was instrumental in the gathering and settling meeting, for he declared "Ye truth through their markets and many believed at Guisborough, including Francis Towntree". In Bishop's return of 1660, reports a Quaker convention held at Stokesby, in Francis Towntree's house, with a congregation of 30 or 40 persons. It also reports a Anti-baptist convention at the house of Henry Towntree of Stokesby.

Francis Towntree is also recorded as a member of Stokesby meeting 1658. The birth of his two eldest ~~two~~ children 1654 and 1658, are entered in the church register, while the names of his six younger children appear in the Quaker records, thus making him the father of eight children.

William Towntree of Great Guisby who died in 1680, has already been mentioned, as having joined the Quakers. He was buried in Francis Towntree ground near Stokesby, his son the mariner John Towntree married in a meeting at Roxby 1711, had two children, one of whom was named Peregrine Towntree.

Neither in church nor in Quaker register is there any subsequent mention of the children of Francis or William Towntree, and the name would have died out, so far as the Society of Friends are concerned, had not another William Towntree joined the Society about 1750. He married and settled at a farm known as Riseborough, near Pickering, but his ancestors lived at Guisby, near Stokesby, England. His Great-Great Grandfather Peter Towntree of Guisby was born in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and he is the earliest ancestor from whom we can trace a descent. He was a Yeoman and married Phyllis Wright at Stokesby church in 1614. There also were his children Henry and William baptised there, he himself was buried at Stokesby in 1620. The only other fact that we know about him, is that his name was on the Jury panel for Sutton Pudby, so far the date is concerned his son might have been the one in whose house the anti-baptist convention was held in 1669, but this is mere conjecture.

Peter Towntree's grandson John (1654-1733) was the grandfather of William Towntree's grandson John (1654-1733) was the grandfather of William Towntree of Riseborough, whose father is described as a fuller, and John his grandfather a Yeoman, (farmer) who made William his heir, the father having died.

William Towntree marriedannah Hobson and they had four sons, and four daughters who grew up and married. Their descendants are numbered by the hundreds and are found to be in America, Asia, South Africa, and Australia, as well as in the British Isles.

A later tenant of Riseborough describes the house as standing on the summit of a lofty oblong shaped hill, well situated with trees, from which it has a commanding position. A cheerful old place well open to view, looking boldly over its lawns. Tradition says it was built 800 years ago, by the monks. The massive structure of the walls, their great width, built of stone in solid masonry and carried to great height, the stone mullioned windows, long winding passages, and great old stair cases fine old oak main ceilings and numerous rooms and attics, speak of ages of architecture of long ago. All but the ground floor was destroyed by fire in 1952.

William Towntree makes no mention in his will of Riseborough, which he apparently rented, which he bequeath to William carried on the tenancy, the eldest son John Towntree had commenced business in Scarborough, but he had various properties in Pickering, some of which he bequeath to his wife, one to his son Joseph, one to his daughterannah and Elizabeth, and another to his sons William and Robert. In addition he divided nearly three thousand pounds amongst his children and grand-children, and a sum of five pounds for his brother John, and five shillings to his sister Ann Todd.



On the 11th Decr 1831 the Rowntree (1760-1832) left Risborough for Hattington near Lichfield in 1831, having found the responsibility of the Risborough farm heavier than his health would stand. In a letter to his sister Jane he describes the moving of 36 wagon loads of furniture and effects in addition to sheep, pigs, cattle and horses.

His son Richardson Rowntree, though born at Risborough, went to Kirkstall near Leeds and there set up as a butter merchant, but he relinquished the business in early life, because of his temperance connections and returned to Risborough, whence he accompanied his father to Hattington, on his father's death in 1832, he took over the farm, his oldest brothers had become millers, Isaac at Manningham and William at Kirkstall.

The four daughters of William and Hannah Rowntree were all married, Mary (1759-96) to Richard Dower, grocer of Mansfield. Jane (1765-1837) to Daniel Doncaster, file maker of Sheffield. Hannah (1761-1833) to Richard Watson, pin maker of Sheffield, and Elizabeth (1763-1836) to David Arlestone, a tanner of Walton. Hannah and Elizabeth had no children.

Jane Doncaster was acknowledged as a minister in the society of the Friends in 1805.

The son Joseph (1774-1811) apparently had two mills at Pickering, one of them a paper mill, some time after his death at the age of 37 the mills were sold.

His sons Robert and Joseph were millers at Thornton, near Pickering. Neither was married, his remaining son William removed to Scarborough, where he founded the drapery business, from ^{the} ~~the~~ firm of Messrs. William Rowntree and sons developed.

The son Robert (1778-1830) was a miller at Hull, whose sons Edward Casson Rowntree, went to Australia, and Henry went to America.

The eldest son John (1757-1827) had three sons, William, a miller at Gateshead, John who followed his father as a grocer at Scarborough, and Joseph who commenced the grocery business at Pavement, York. It was this Joseph Rowntree who in 1853, after an unanimous election to the Lord Mayoralty of York, felt obliged to refuse to serve in that office, because he could not as chief magistrate conscientiously take or administer an oath, but he said he would willingly pay the one hundred pound fine as the penalty for non-acceptance.

At the heading or beginning of Mr. Charles Irbyson Rowntree's letter, he writes the following;

The Rowntrees are probably of Scandinavian origin, and early settlements of that name appear to have been made in Ireland, Cumberland, and the Cleveland districts of Yorkshire, England. It is in this last neighborhood that the family is met with in our historical records, and the Rowntree settlers in Ireland and Cumberland may have originated from the same district of Yorkshire.

The Scandinavian or Danish invasion of England were mostly on the east coast and many of the early Yorkshire present day names, such as Hull, Kirby, Bolby, Newby, Eastby, Kirby, Saunby are Danish names.



| Birth. | Name | Marriage. Death. Age. Residence. |
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| 1700 | His son William Rowntree, Miller | 1854. 56 Kirkstall, Eng. |
| 1706 | His Daughter Henannah Rowntree, married Charles Brightwen, a grocer. Kirkstall, Eng. | <i>Deceased</i> |
| 1706 | William Rowntree, a son of the William Rowntree, born 1768. D. 1841. | |
| 1846 | His grandson Charles John Rowntree, Grocer. (Margie) | 1925. 79. Sheffield, Eng. |
| 1873 | Daughter (Brightwen) His son Charles Brightwen Rowntree, Mayor, living 1955. Saffron Walden, Essex, Eng. | |
| 1903 | His son Henry Brightwen Rowntree, Wavor Eng. living 1955, Enfield, Eng. | |
| | has four children, no names. | |

IRISH ROUNTREES.

The Irish Rowntrees appear to have spelled their name with a U instead of a W, as in England. From the Irish descent I came, and I will latter, tell where I think I am connected to the English Rowntrees.

The first record that I have been able to ascertain is from a letter dated March 21, 1953., relative to the early Irish Rowntrees, which says;
"Belfast, Northern Ireland, March 21, 1953. J. R. Rountree, Berryhill, Texas
My Dear Sir,

I regret that I am unable to do much to help you in your search after these family names. That work is for a specialist and completely outside anything I have ever done. I have however consulted our local Record Office and there was given the names of several Rowntrees, all listed as tenants on the estate in the County Armagh, of the family of Acheson. They are;

Charles Rowntree, Berryhill and Mulladry, 1737.

Thomas Rowntree, Mulladry, 1737.

Thomas Rowntree, Cordonramond, 1754.

James Rowntree, Killyrudder, 1790-92.

Thomas Rowntree, Mullatea, 1795.

James Rowntree, Drumonnis, 1798-99.

These names of places, are of Town lands, an Irish division in which, I assume they were farmers, their farms were situated. There is no further information than their names on maps of the estate.

Also in the record office, are copies on the hearth money roll of some years in the county Armagh, these lists of the hearths on which a tax was imposed. The name occurs twice, in connection with the parish of Killmorex, year 1664.

Thomas Rowntree, one hearth.

Widow Rowntree, one hearth.

I also visited the office of the Presbyterian Society and in the marriage records of the Rosemary Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, which produced James Rowntree, and Jane McCleroy was proclaimed the 22nd. of March, and married ye 26th. 1808.

Most unhappily practically everything in the Record office in Dublin, went up in flames, when it was blown up during the civil war.

A professional search I am sure would be long and costly, but in case you like to find out for your self, the record office here has given me the address of a professional searcher. Mr. R. A. Young, Linden Lea, Robb's Road, Dunonald, Belfast, Ireland.

Have you communicated at all with the Rowntrees, the great chocolate manufacturers, York, England, who I am told are interested in family history. Do you know whether any of these ancient members of your family were Quakers, who seem to take much interest in the past of their denomination?

I again say I am sorry that I can be of so little help to you; I think these Armagh people must be connections.

I assume that you got my name from Mr. Crawford, son of an old friend of mine, when I was a member of the staff of the Northern Wigs.

The register of the First Armagh Presbyterian Church gives the marriage of John Rowntree, Mullabrack, to Margaret Kearny, Mullahrock, November 22, 1808. Sincerely yours, Alex Riddell, Belfast, Ireland.



Returning to the information supplied by Mr. Charles Brightwen Rountree, he writes in a letter of a later date, the following:

"I am not surprised that the genealogical table has puzzled you, as my father and mother are both descended from William Rountree (1727-98) my mother through his eldest son John (1757-1827) and my Father through his youngest son William (1768-1832). This is further complicated by the fact that they were of different generations and were second cousins once removed. So I am my own third cousin once removed. On a separate sheet I have tried to state in the form you use. (shown below)

You ask about Rountrees in Scotland. The nearest I can get to Scotland is a letter (Oct. 12, 1948) from Miss Winnie Dickson, 16 Bayfield Road, Edinburgh 9, Scotland, whose Great-Grand father, William Rountree (1850-1900) was a mast and blowmaker in Sunderland, England, but I've not been able to trace any connection with our branch of the family, with him. The following is the copy of the tree as he sent it,

Peter Rountree, Yeoman, Esby, married Oct. 10, 1614, he died Jan. 1620.
married Phyllis Wright. 1
William Rountree, Yeoman, Esby, (b. Oct. 1617-d. Apr. 1681)
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John Rountree, Esby, (b. June 1664-d. Nov. 1739.)
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William Rountree, Fuller, Esby, (b. July 1700-d. April 1736.)
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William Rountree, Yeoman, Bishborough, (b. 1727-d. Jan. 1798.)
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John 1727-1827, Grocer and Draper, Scarborough, 1 William 1768-1832, Farmer, Bishborough and Scottrington. 1
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William 1786-1849, Miller, Gateshead. 1 William 1790-Miller, Kirkstall, 1854 1
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Hannah Rountree, married Chas. Chas. John Rountree, 1846-1925) Grocer Lund-righton Grocer, Newcastle. 1
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Charles Brightwen Rountree, b. 1873, not dead, mayor, Goffron Hallen, Essex, England.
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Henry Brightwen Rountree, b. 1908, not dead, water engineer, Enfield, England.
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lost scrip. 4 children.

Have you been in touch with Eugene Rountree, No. 504, Hollock St., Kingston, North Carolina, he has a family tree of 300 names.

I quote you some scraps from his letter of April 18, 1951.
Our family seems to have come from Yorkshire. The earliest records of the name in England, include those of William Rountree of Yorkshire, and Ralph Rountree, both of whom were living before the beginning of the 17th century, in the 17th century record is found John Rountree whose daughter Elizabeth was baptised at St. James Clerkenwell, London, in 1659, and Christopher Rountree of London, who was living in 1687. If the Yorkshire family Robert Rountree was living at Stockton-on-Tees about the beginning of the 17th century. Thomas Rountree in the same place before 1744. The Reverend John Rountree of Stockton, married the daughter and sole heiress of Reverend William Russell.

Other records indicate that Robert, John, and Thomas Rountree's were living in Nanceavour County, Virginia, nearly as 1704, they afterwards moved to Chowan County, North Carolina. A great uncle of mine Robert Bert Rountree died in New York, in 1926, he had a son Robert left in Rountree who died in New York, in 1903.

Eugene Rountree also states that his ancestor Robert Rountree, emigrated from Yorkshire to Ireland, in 1689, then later to America.

End of letter.

A person reading the above, would make think the Robert Rountree, named as leaving England in 1689 and going to Ireland, then later to Nanceavour County, Virginia, was the same Robert Rountree, whose family was living at Stockton-on-Tees about the beginning of the 1700 Century, this I question, as I think they are different Rountrees. Referring to the Robert, John, and Thomas Rountrees, living in Nanceavour County, in 1704, I think they were part of the six sons, that emigrated to America, with the father, called an old man in the history written by my Great-Great-Great Uncle Joseph, I will later copy down.

Mr. Charles Brightwen Rountree, enclosed with his letter the following
Rountree trees.

No. 1.

Sonor Rountree of Basby, Yeoman, b Oct. 10, 1614, -d Jan.
22, 1680. Married Phylis Wright.

Children.

Henry Rountree of Stokesley, b April 10, 1615.
William Rountree of Basby, Yeoman, b October, 1617, d April 14, 1681.
Married Ann. d. 1703. Children of above Henry Rountree.
1. Ralph Rountree, of Stokesley, b Feb 6, 1644. Son Leonard b Oct. 9, 1657.
2. Gabriel Rountree, b Jan. 5, 1636.
3. John Rountree, b Jan 11, 1641.

Children of above William Rountree.
1. Deborah Rountree, b April 26, 1641.

Married Esther Tiplady.

2. Jane Rountree, b November 27, 1642.

3. Ann Rountree, no date.

4. Mary Rountree, b April 6, 1654. Married Thomas Mansell.

5. Alice Rountree, b July 7, 1651.

6. John Rountree, of Basby, yeoman, b June 2, 1664, d Nov. 30, 1738.
Married Jane -----.

Children of above John Rountree, no. 6.

1. Ann Rountree, Married March 14, 1713 to William Peasey.

2. Jane Rountree, b July 12, 1692, d Jan. 7, 1695/

3. Dorothy Rountree, April 9, 1695. Married John Fenwick.

4. William Rountree, of Basby, Fuller, b July 23, 1700, d April 22, 1736.

Married Dorothy -----.

Children of above Dorothy, No. 3.

1. Eliza Fenwick,
2. John Fenwick,
3. George Fenwick,
4. William Fenwick,
5. Bryan Fenwick.

Children of Above William and Dorothy No. 4.

1. William of Rievaulx, Yeoman, b Oct. 30, 1727, d Jan. 10, 1798.

Married Hannah Rebron, b 1734, d March 10, 1801.

2. John Rountree, Mariner, b December 9, 1729, d August 31, 1807.

3. Robert Rountree, b May 29, 1730, d before 1738.

4. Mary Rountree, b July 2, 1733, d .. 1738.

5. Jane Rountree, b May 3, 1736.

Children of above William Rountree, of Rievaulx, No. 2
and wife Hannah Rebron.

1. John Rountree, of Scarbrough, draper and grocer, 1757-1827.
Married Elizabeth Letherington.

2. Mary Rountree, 1758-1796, married Richard Leaver.

3. Hannah Rountree, 1761-1833. Married David Priestman.

4. Jane Rountree, 1765-1837. Married Doncaster.

5. William Rountree, 1768-1832.

6. Joseph Rountree, 1771-1772.

7. Joseph Rountree, 1774-1811.

8. Robert Rountree, 1778-1830.

No. 2.

Descendants of John Rountree, of Scarbrough, No. 1
b 1757, d 1827.

1. Son William Rountree, Miller of Gateshead, b 1786, d 1849.

2. Daughter, Hannah Rountree, b 1816, d 1883, married Charles Brightwen.

3. Their daughter Mary Brightwen, married Charles John Rountree,
b 1847 d 1929.

4. Their son Charles Brightwen Rountree, b 1873, living in 1855.
boulanger and Mayor of Saffron Walden, Essex, England.

5. Their son Henry Brightwen Rountree, b 1902, living at Enfield, Eng.

6. Have four children, no names given.

No. 3.

Descendants of William Rountree, Yeoman, b 1768, d 1832. No. 5.

1. Son William Rountree, Miller, Kirkstall, b 1798, d 1854.

2. His son Charles John Rountree, grocer, Lunderland, b 1846, d 1928.

This is the same Charles John Rountree, shown in No. 3, and their
descendant in No. 4, 5, and 6.

No. 4.

1. John Rountree, 1757-1827, was the father to Joseph Rountree, 1801-
1859.

Carlisle Bountrees and their Canadian descent.

1. John Bountree, Carlisle, b 1790 d 1862, married Mary Hall, 1791-1850.
Their children.

1. Joseph Bountree, 1816-1881, married Ann Rogers of Paisley, Scotland.
2. George Bountree, b 1819.
3. David Bountree, b 1819.
4. John Bountree b 1821.
5. Elizabeth Bountree b 1824.
6. Mary Bountree b 1826.
7. Jane Bountree b 1828.

Children of Joseph Bountree, 1816-1881. No 1. above.

1. John Bountree b 1846 d 1900.
2. Joseph Bountree b 1849 d 1895.
3. James Bountree b 1852 d 1918.
4. George Bountree b 1856 d 1917.
5. Mary Ann Bountree, b 1861 d 1915.
6. William Henry Bountree b 1866 d 1929, married Emily V. Brown, 1887-1951.

Children of William Henry, No. 6. and Emily Brown.

1. Stella V. Bountree, living graduate in piano, Ontario, Canada, b 1889.
2. Gertrude Bountree, Graduate nurse, living in Ontario, Canada, b 1891.
3. William Joseph Bountree, Farmer, living in Ontario, Canada, b 1893.
4. Florence Bountree, b 1896, married Jackson.

5. Howard Bountree b 1905, Chemistry, living in Ontario, Canada.

The original John Bountree, No. 1 emigrated to Canada, from Carlisle, England in the early 1800s, and on a visit to Ireland, later, died there. No information is given of the ancestors of him.

The following tree is given by Gertrude Bountree, No. 2. above. Her brother

No. 3 above, William Joseph Bountree, married Jessie Holmes, May 19, 1920, and she died April 3, 1923, they had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bountree, a office clerk.
No. 4 above, William Joseph then married Verna Noble, March 31, 1934, and they had the following children,
1. Marion Bountree b 1935.
2. William Chester b 1937, deceased.
3. Joannna Bountree, b 1941.

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No. 4 above, Florence Emily Bountree, married George T. Jackson, Apr. 19/23 and they had the following children.
1. George William Jackson, b 1925, married Helen Crozier Aug. 1947.
2. Ann Emily Jackson, b 1927, married Don Salt, Sept. 1950.
3. Elizabeth Jean Jackson, b 1930, married Robert McMillan June 1954.
4. Douglas Edward Jackson, b 1936.

END.

/ GLEAN BOUNTREES.

It is my belief that the first Bountrees that came to America were Quakers, and that they descended from the First Quaker, Francis Bountree, who became a member of the Society between 1650 and 1660. Francis Bountree was living at Stokesby in 1669, then seemed to have disappeared from that place, with all his children, he having had his two first children entered on the church register, and his six younger children appearing in the Quaker records, I do not know their names at present, but have written a letter to Mr. Charles Brightwell Bountree referred to previously, to see if he can supply me their names. It is my belief that said Quaker Francis Bountree, emigrated with his family to Ireland, and from there to Nansemond County, Virginia, probably arriving in Virginia around 1695, as the records show his two older children were born in 1654 and 1658, they were old enough to have married and had families of their own. And Francis himself should have been around 65 to 70 years old, which is too old for him to have fought in the battle of Bynwater, between the forces of William the Third, and King James the Second, in which William conquered the Army of James. In the traditional history by my Great-Great-Great Uncle Joseph replete, the following; William raised a large army in England, and went over to Ireland, there were two brothers of the Bountree name in his army, After William forces conquered James forces, William disbanded his army, the two Bountree brothers concluded to remain in Ireland, one settling in the north of Ireland and the other in the south of Ireland. These two brothers I believe were the children of said Francis Bountree in 1660.

and the brother that settled in North Ireland, was joined there by his Father and Mother and other brothers from England. The other brother that settled in South Ireland, married there and remained in Ireland when the North Ireland Bountrees, headed by their father Francis Bountree emigrated to Bencoeund County, Virginia, leaving the youngest son in Ireland along with the small Fox, about the year 1695. This son was named Charles Bountree and married Lydia -----, and raised a family in Ireland, how many children he had I have no record. One of his sons named Thomas Bountree, when 19 years old emigrated to Pennsylvania, this being the year 1752, where he worked at the ship carpenter's trade, after two or three years he returned to Ireland, and there married Evy St. Regis, after his marriage he returned to America, stopping in Pennsylvania, then after three of his children he moved to North Carolina.

Though Uncle Joseph traditional history don't say so, my Uncle Cooper Bountree, who I know well and was acquainted with the Bountree history, tell me that a brother of Thomas had emigrated to America with him. I believe this brother was named Charles Bountree, and that he also raised a family in America, that multiplied and the descendants moved to Georgia in an early day, and some still live there, and in adjoining states, at present.

Since Francis Bountree, of Ballyboby, England had 8 children, and after they moved to Ireland, one staid in North Ireland and one staid in South Ireland, that leaves six that emigrated with him to America, the names not or quoted in my Uncle Joseph's history. The Bountree that settled in South Ireland, also has descendants that emigrated to America, and I personally met some of his descendants in central Texas, an account of which I will include in this history, later on.

TRAITED MAIL HISTORY.

About the year 1892, I visited my Father's full brother, and my Uncle, Fern Bountree, living then in San Antonio, Texas, he let me copy the following letters, and traditional history.

Temple, Texas.
May 6, 1890.

Dr. J. T. Bountree,

Dear Brother; - This leaves us all in good health, and I hope will find you all the same, we have a great abundance of rain the last month, my stock are doing quite well this winter, but our farm is progressing rather slow owing to so much rain.

Farm some years ago I got Newton Bountree to send me a copy of a short history that old Uncle Joseph Bountree wrote out and left with silly Bountree, I got Nettie to copy it off and will enclose it with this. You can have it copied in a book and make that after generations, will be glad to see those old family traditions. Our mother use to tell us about the history of her family (Donaldson), as you was too young then I will write what she said. Mother's name as you know was Rhoda Donaldson her mother was a Bates. The name Donaldson originated in Scotland from a giant Donaldson Giant in Scotch. His sons were the Donaldsons.

The sons were exceeding tall men. Our Grandfather Donaldson was 6 feet 4 inches in height. His Mother was a Cooper, so was old man Campbell's mother and her sister. They originated in Scotland and it is claimed made a distinguished record in Scotland, as warriors and also in the Colonies. As you know Mother and Uncle Nat Campbell was already proud of their Cooper blood. There is a man here that lived in Yorkshire, Eng. who tells us that there is now living in that shire, several thousand people that spell their names just as we do. He says they are a grand old family, noted for their wealth and great manufacturers. So Uncle Joseph's history is correct. I thought you would be interested in these things, so that you may know where we got our untiring energy. We were not born for ease and vapors. I reckon I will die trying to accomplish something.

Associately yours with affection,

Cooper Bates Bountree.

My Uncle John Fern Bountree, died in my presence, after a long illness in San Antonio, Texas, on May 2, 1907, and is buried in the San Fernando Cemetery there. Soon after his burial his widow Nettie planted a rose bush at the head of his grave, by the side of the monument she had erected. In the year 1953, this rose bush died, and following in about six months she herself died, age 96 years, and is buried in Ohio. She married twice

After my Uncle, out-living her second husband, and dying only a few months before her third husband. She was my Uncle Ferns second wife, as he obtained a divorce from his first wife, who had four boys and two girls by him, she never married after her separation from my Uncle. I do not know of any descendants of my Uncle that bears the name of Rountree, his eldest son Henry had a son by that name, but I understand he is dead, and the second son of my Uncle Fern had a daughter only, before he died. All the other four children, had no children. I visited my Uncle Fern and his wife Hattie on numerous occasions, and also visited his first wife and children on many occasions, and after she died, we keep in contact all through their lives, I visited in Ohio several times, to see Hattie and both her following husbands, after my Uncle Ferns death.

My Uncle Cooper Bates Rountree, I visited in 1900 at his 1200 acre black land farm, a few miles from Rosedale, Texas, and remained about a week, later in about the year 1906-7 I visited him on several occasions, at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he had gone to live, owing to having the Asthma, he bought a home there, and remained until his death a few years later. He had two daughters and one son, who I suppose are all dead, I visited his Grandson in Houston, Texas, in the year 1954, and he had one son, who is the only one bearing the name of Rountree, from his family. My Uncle Cooper Rountree and wife Ellen, and his son Ben F. Rountree are all buried in their family cemetery at Rosedale, Texas.

ROUNTRREE TRADITIONAL HISTORY, by Joseph Rountree, dated Dec. 18, 1867
A good many years ago there was a male child found in Yorkshire, England, by a rich landlord, under a "Rowan Tree", otherwise called a mountain Ash, dressed in very rich clothing, he took compassion on the child and took it home and raised it as if he was his own child, not knowing its origin.

He named it Rountree after the tree under which it had been found, the boy grew up and was educated by his foster father, in the process of time he married and raised a family, and they became numerous.

When William the third, King of England, dethroned his father-in-law King James the second, King James then went to Ireland and raised a large army of Irish, thinking to get himself re-instated in the throne of England, but King William raised a large army in England and went over to Ireland, there were two brothers of the Rountree name that went over in his army, and after the battle of Boyne (1690) when King Williams forces conquered King James Forces, King William then disbanded part of his army, and the two Rountree brothers were in that part of the forces that were disbanded.

They concluded to stay in Ireland, one of them stopped in South Ireland, and married among the Celtic Race of people or nation of that country, but little is known of his generations.

The other one settled in the north of Ireland, and married among the Tudor Saxons, who previously to that time had populated that part of Ireland. He raised his family there and in time they became numerous.

Then there was a great emigration from Ireland to the providence of Virginia in North America. ONE MAN named Rountree took passage for himself and family for Virginia, but before the ship was ready to sail his youngest son took the small pox, and was not admitted aboard the ship, as he had paid his passage, he and six of his sons went on in the ship and settled in Nansemond County, Virginia. From these family of Rountree's the various families that are dispersed over the various parts of the United States sprung, including the Rountrees of Illinois.

The seventh son that was left in the care of his mother, he recovered from the small-pox, and from that son our family sprang. He remained in Ireland and raised a family, they multiplied and became numerous.

When my father was nineteen years old he took passage for America and stopped in the province of Pennsylvania, and worked at the ship carpenters business, some two or three years, and then went back to Ireland. After staying there a few years he married Evy Sturgis, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Sturgis, and after his marriage he took passage for America and stopped in Pennsylvania, there remained I think until three of their children were born, then he emigrated to the providence of North Carolina, there the balance of their children were born, and there they died, their earthly remains lie buried in the grave yard of "Little River Meeting House".

My father and mother raised six sons and two daughters to be grown, one son and two daughters died in infancy. The six sons were named William, John, Charles, Andrew, Thomas, and my self Joseph. My two sisters were named Rachel and Lydia.

My father was the son of Charles and Lydia Rountree, and my fathers name Thomas. By some means the family has got to spelling their name Rountree, but that is not proper for they took their name from the tree under which the infant was found.

we all raised families except William and Thomas, and they are dispersed in different states. William died a single man, Thomas married but raised no family. I raised a family of eight children to be grown, and had two to die in infancy. My grown children of six sons and two daughters. My sons names are James Hendreth, Zonah Marion, Lucious Amantie, Marzavin Jerome, Alinus Linneaus, and Allen Jones. My daughter names are Louisa Amanda, and Almarinda Carolina. My children have all got families except Allen Jones, he died a young man.

I emigrated from North Carolina to Tennessee in the year of 1819, and from Tennessee to the State of Missouri in the winter of 1830-31, got my family to where Springfield now is, on the 15th day of January 1831.

It is now the 18th day of December 1867, on the 14th day of last April I was 85 years old, and am now in good health. Signed, Joseph Rountree.

The above is a copy of the history of our family, as given by my grandfather in his hand writing, which I now have in my possession.

Signed Boston H. Rountree.

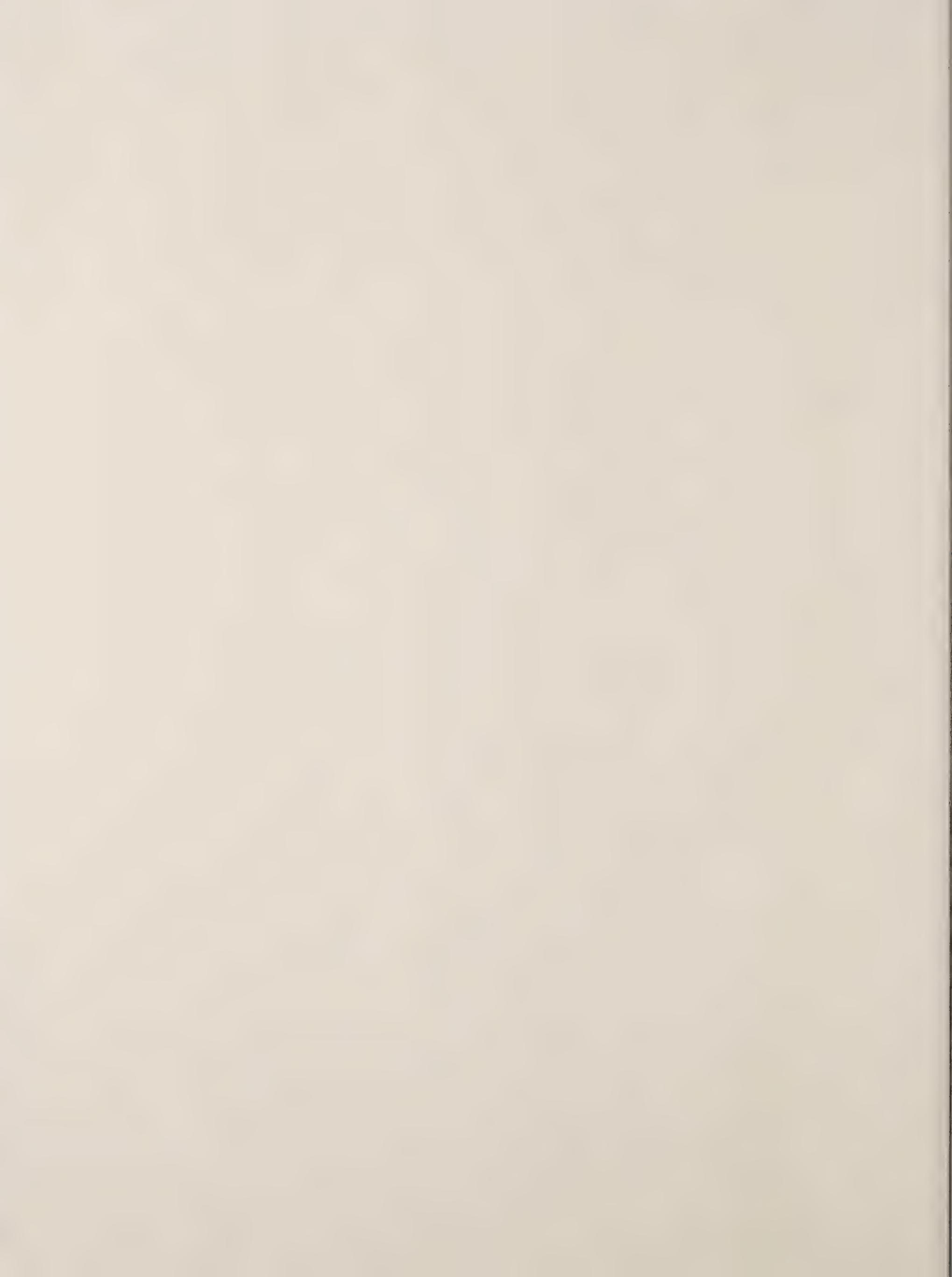
End of traditional history.

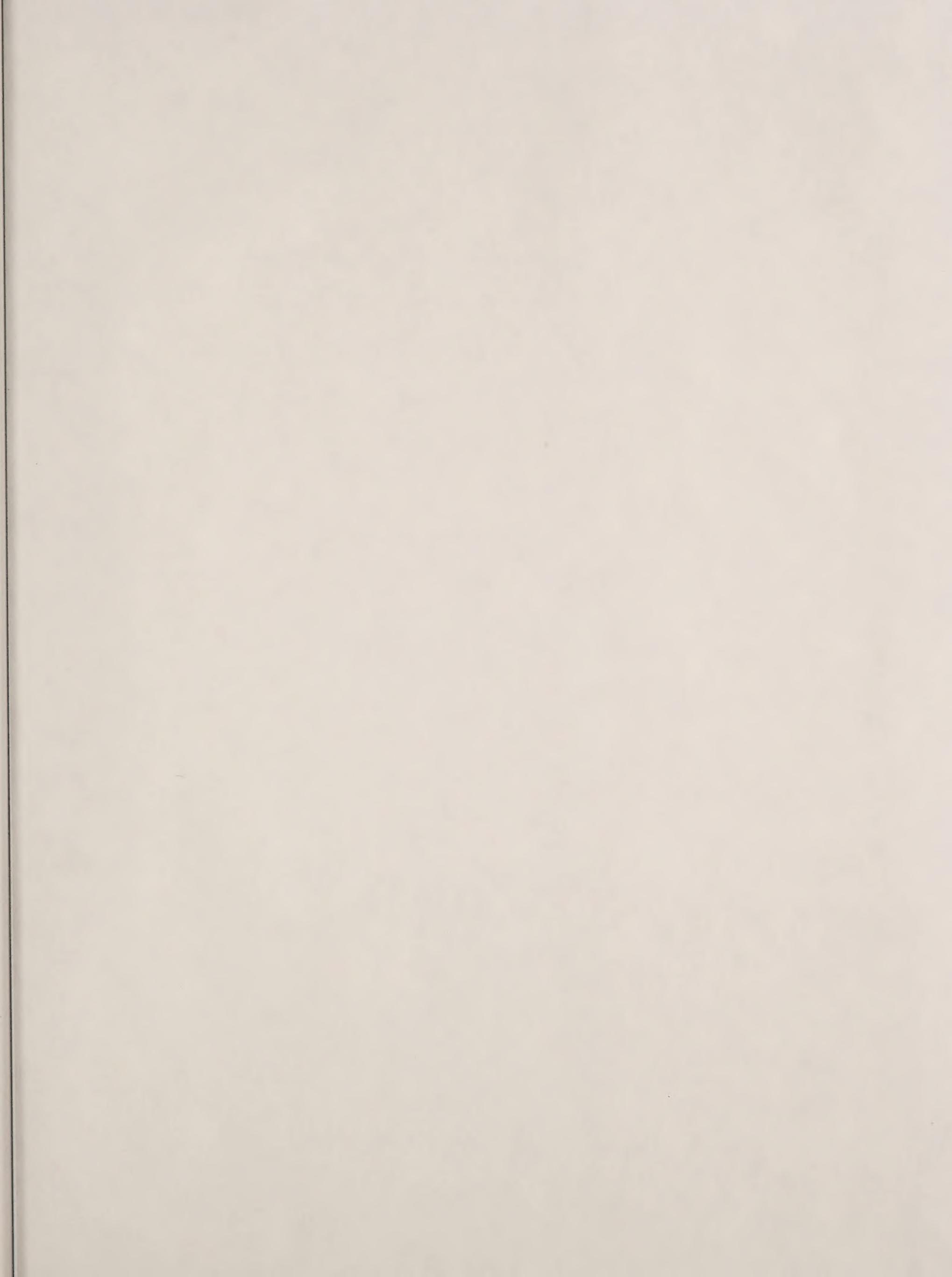
On my trip to Springfield, Missouri, in the fall of 1901, where I visited my relatives, I visited said Boston H. Rountree, who at that time was president of a Bank there. He and I had a long conversation, and I told him I had spent the summer in the north, to try and learn farming, and before returning to Texas, had visited the Buffalo Exposition, leaving there the day before President McKinley was shot and killed. I further told him of the ranch in Texas that my father had left me when he died in 1880, I being only ten months old. Mr Boston H. Rountree, was very much interested in the ranch, and told me what over I used to hold onto it, and predicted a wonderful future and advancement for all of the country. Now after over fifty years I can see where his prediction has come true, and I followed his advice and held onto the Ranch, my father left me, only recently I turned it over to my two children, J. C. Rountree III, and Miss Adele Rountree, who will carry it on after I am gone.

This ends my first volume of the Rountree Name, others will follow.

Signed, Joseph C. Rountree III.







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